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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The following is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2002, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period (October 12, 2002 being a Saturday and October 14, 2002 being a Holiday). Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension

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AMENDMENT

In the Specification

At page 10, please delete the paragraph after the heading, "Detailed Description of the Invention" and insert therefore:

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--Referring now to the various figures of the drawing, wherein like references or characters refer to like parts, there is shown in FIGS. 1-14 various views and embodiments in accordance with the present invention.--

At page 12, please delete lines 23-31 and insert therefore:

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-- Signal produced from the sensor element 310 may then be filtered, conditioned, and amplified by, for example, an isolation amplifier and then used to drive any one of several output devices. For example, as shown in FIG. 1, the signal produced from the sensor element 310 passes to processing and isolation electronics 106 to the output device 100, which may be an electromechanical transducer 102 attached to the handle of the surgical device or attached to the medical practitioner, a speaker or headphone 104 or a combination of these output devices.

In one embodiment, an output device 100 is an electromechanical transducer in the form of a small speaker glued inversely to the handle such that output in the speaker --

At page 14, line 1, before "In a particularly preferred embodiment," please insert the following paragraph:

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-- FIGS. 8 and 9 show detailed views of one exemplary embodiment of the surgical